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1. The Czechs are concentrating antiaircraft defenses including underground installations in Bohnice (051/L79). This suburb north of Prague is to be the center of the air defense system of Prague. The first contingents of the 15,000 (sic) workers who are to man these installations have arrived.
2. Vaclav Kopecky, the Czech Minister of Information, stated confidentially that inner government circles are gearing themselves for war in the near future. Kopecky predicts "fifth column activity" and possible East German intervention as a reaction to West German rearmament.*

* Comment: See Klement Gottwald's recent warning of the menace of West German remilitarization in his address of 30 April 1951. 50X1-HUM

Comment: This may be part of Czechoslovakia's contribution to the general line taken by the satellites attempting to intimidate the western countries on the rearmament of Western Germany. 50X1-HUM

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